

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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EXPENDITURE ON INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES CONTESTING ELECTIONS

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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that a large number of independent candidates contest the elections of Legislative Assembly and Parliament;
- (b) if so, whether there is any proposal to check the unnecessary expenditure to be incurred on providing security to the candidates and other arrangements made in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): Provision for security to independent and other candidates at elections depends on law and order situation. However, the Election Commission of India has not issued any instructions for providing personal security to the independent candidates.